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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

YAMAMOTO ET AL.

Examiner

Nhon T. Diep

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 4-7 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 8-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 June 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/27/2003.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-3 and 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kazuo et al (JP 2001-186507 (cited by the applicants)).

Kazuo et al discloses a security camera system comprising:

an image pickup module which picks up an image, generates a video signal, and outputs the video signal (fig. 1, el. 1a-1b-1c);

a user recognition module which recognizes a user who views an image generated from the video signal and outputs user information concerning the user (fig. 1, el. 20 and 30 read in light of paragraph 0006);

a processing module which receives the video signal outputted by the image pickup module or the video signal read out from the record module, processes part of the received video signal corresponding to the image detected by the image recognition module in a way varying depending on the user information, and outputs the processed video signal (figs. 5B or fig. 5C and paragraph 0013, with proper authority, one should see 5 B, otherwise, 5C); and

a display module which displays an image generated by the processed video signal outputted by the processing module (figs. 5B-C) as specified in claims 1, 8 and 9.

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It is noted that Kazuo et al does not particularly disclose a record module which records the video signal on a record medium; and an image recognition module which detects a specific image from the video signal outputted by the image pickup module or the video signal read out from the record module as specified in claims 1, 8 and 9. The examiner takes Official Notice that images taken from cameras are notoriously well known stored in a recording medium for later review and it also well known that any individual frame or sequence of images can be retrieved. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of by recording the video signal on a record medium and retrieve any or all of video images stored as desired for further review by law enforcement.

Regarding to claim 2: Figs. 5B or fig. 5C and paragraph 0013, show, with proper authority, one should see 5 B, otherwise, 5C.

Regarding to claim 3: Even though, fig. 5 B and 5C only show one level of change, based on clearance, it would have been obvious that one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have more than one level of change so as to make the system more flexible.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 4-7 are allowed.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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a. Fox et al (US 6,560,581) discloses a system and method for secure electronic commerce transaction.

b. Wald (US 2003/0094489) discloses a voting system and method.

c. Fukuoka (US 2002/0054212 A1) discloses a digital electronic interface still camera.

d. Guetz et al (6,091,777) discloses a continuously adaptive digital video compression system and method for a web streamer.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nhon T. Diep whose telephone number is 571-272-7328. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mehrdad Dastouri can be reached on 571-272-7418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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